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SUBJECT: ROK NUCLEAR PROCESSING PLANT: CANADIAN APPROACH

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1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR STILES CALLED ON ME TODAY (DEC. 16) TO INFORM ME THAT HE HAD NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTER ON NUCLEAR REPROCESSING, AFTER COORDINATING WITH ME. INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDE THAT HE WILL EXPLAIN DELAY IN SIGNATURE ON BASIS ABSENCE OF CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT NATO AND CIEC MEETINGS, AND DESIRE TO DELAY SIGNATURE UNTIL PARLIAMENT RECONVENES JANUARY 19, GIVEN SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE. AT SAME TIME STILES IS TO NOTE THAT NEITHER CANADIAN OR US GOVERNMENTS WILL AGREE TO REPROCESSING OF WASTE MATERIALS FROM THEIR REACTORS BY KOREANS AND ASK WHAT NUCLEAR MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REPROCESSING IN FRENCH PLANT. STILES HAS FINALLY BEEN ASKED TO REPORT ON ANY RESPONSE WE HAVE RECEIVED AND THEN AWAIT SIGNAL BEFORE MAKING APPROACH.

2. I BRIEFED STILES ON CONVERSATION WITH VICE MINISTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (REPORTED SEPTEL). ON THIS BASIS HE ANTICIPATES INSTRUCTIONS TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER TOMORROW.

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